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To Claiborne Pell

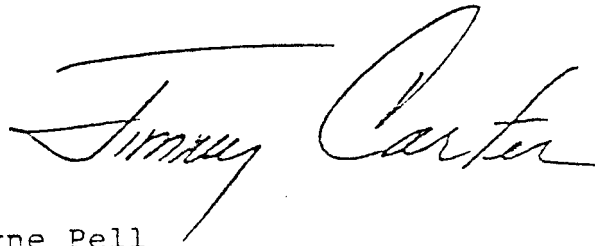
I understand your committee is considering sunset legislation today, and I urge you to act favorably.

Sunset requires us to take a hard look every few years at each Federal program. Based on those reviews, inefficient and outmoded programs will be changed or eliminated. To assure that the process works, programs will be terminated unless affirmatively re-enacted.

This sunset process is particularly desirable for spending programs that have indefinite authorizations. Regular reviews of these programs will be a major contribution to the effort to control Federal spending.

I have long supported the sunset idea. The current demand from the American people to hold down government spending makes passage of sunset legislation particularly crucial.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jimmy Carter". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

The Honorable Claiborne Pell
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510